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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the Security Council for the month of September and with regard to the baseless allegations levelled against my country regarding the peaceful nuclear activities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, has the honour to request that the annexed reply be circulated as a document of the Security Council (see annex).

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In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Position of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding the allegations levelled against its peaceful nuclear activities at the summit of the United Nations Security Council held on 24 September 2009

In the light of today's discussions at the Security Council meeting, the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran wishes to state the following with regard to the allegations made by some Heads of State or Government, including France and the United Kingdom, against Iran's peaceful nuclear programme:

- These allegations are totally untrue and without any foundation. Iran's nuclear activities are, and always have been, for peaceful purposes, and therefore pose no threat whatsoever.

- This meeting of the Security Council has been claimed to promote the implementation of nuclear disarmament obligations. Obligations which the permanent members of the Council, as recognized nuclear-weapon States, have made pledges on their implementation. Pledges the world expects them to keep and to fulfil.

- Allegations made by the French President against Iran's nuclear programme are a preposterous attempt to disguise the abysmal record of France in non-compliance with its nuclear disarmament obligations. France should comply fully and immediately with its obligations under article VI of the NPT instead of continuing with the web of fear-mongering, falsehoods and obfuscation that it has woven.

- We should also remind ourselves that the United Kingdom, over a number of years, has deliberately and cynically ignored its legal commitments as a State Party to the NPT to take practical steps to accomplish the total elimination of its unjustifiable nuclear arsenals under article VI of the NPT. To come into full compliance with its nuclear disarmament obligations, the United Kingdom should undertake promptly all the measures demanded of it by the international community in terms of practical steps agreed upon at the 2000 NPT Review Conference, for example, freezing modernization of its nuclear arsenals, abandoning any efforts to develop new weapons of mass killing. Therefore, the United Kingdom is in no good standing to pass judgement on others.

- We would like, however, to make one thing clear: in practising its legitimate right to develop nuclear energy technology, Iran has always maintained its need for nuclear power as an alternative source of energy to supply its booming population and rapid development. In doing so, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran takes its responsibilities under the NPT seriously. Our commitment to non-proliferation remains intact. In this regard, the IAEA has repeatedly confirmed the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme.

- In conclusion, the Islamic Republic of Iran reiterates its readiness to engage in serious and constructive negotiations with interested parties, based on respect, justice, the rights of nations and collective commitments, aimed at reaching a framework for cooperative relationships. At the same time, we believe that as a prerequisite for success in future negotiations, futile and illegal demands of the past years that have proved to be of no avail should be abandoned.